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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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MICHAEL GERARD GALLAGHER ET AL

Examiner:

APPLICATION NO: 09/866,967

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FOR: TREATMENT OF MINERAL MATERIALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of October 4, 2002, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 4, 2003. A **Two**-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 03-1935 in the amount of \$410.00 for payment of the extension fee. Two additional copies of this paper are here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 03-1935.

Respectfully submitted,

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